advocates, not only in terms of competence but also in terms of priority given and time and energy devoted by the advocates to the banks' work. Banks cannot allocate their legal work among different empanelled lawyers ignoring these considerations.

The question of allocation of court cases among various empanelled lawyers is a matter of day to day management of the banks and Government do not propose to interfere therein. However, whenever complaints of favouritism/nepotism are received by bank managements at higher levels are asked to look into them for corrective action, wherever called for.

Prosecutions launched under the Customs Act

1108. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) total amount of seizures made at Palam Airport by the Customs Authorities since 1st April, 1986;

(b) total number of prosecutions launched under the Customs Act throughout India since 1st April, 1986; and

(c) what is the number of persons who were convicted undtr the Customs Act throughout India since 1st April, 1986?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) The total value of contraband goods seized at the Delhi Airport during the period from 1-4-86 to 31-1-87 is Rs. 5.09 crores.

(b) and (c) The total number of persons prosecuted and convicted under the Customs Act throughout India during the period from 1st April, 1986 to 31-1-1987 is given below:-

Period	Number of persons prosecuted	Number of persons convicted
1st April, 1986 to 31st January, 1987 . . .	2013	684

(Figures are provisional)

Central Excise Duty outstanding in the country

1109. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total arrears of Central Excise Duty outstanding throughout the country; and

(b) the names of the defaulters of Central Excise Duty of more than Rs. 50 lakhs and the action taken thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) The information to the extent possible is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Circulation of newspapers

1110. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state what are the names of the newspapers having largest circulation in India, in Urdu and Punjabi languages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): 'Hind Samachar' published from Jalandhar is the largest circu-